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If I could tell you all that is happening on that sand it would make more interesting reading than a pageful of Diamond Dick's crimes or a bookful of Diamond Dick's adventures.

Over there a pirate has captured a crew of merchantmen and made them walk the plank. One by one the poor wretches tumbled down the sand, while the pirate, with a cut-throat razor, stood mercilessly at the top. A general has led his troops to glory. He has a regiment of seven; his army consists of his two boys and two neighbor boys. But it was a famous rout. They liked it so well they did not ever do it again.

There have been knife fights on the cliff, terrific struggles with the Indians, bloody house-py, prize fights and bare knuckles.

Little Sissy Matthews, aged three, has been playing on the sand for a little she is half sand herself; and her soul is filled with pure joy, even as her mother's is filled with pure joy.

They have dug forts, molded forts, made houses, pierced tunnels. They have patted the sand and piled it and tumbled it and rolled in it, everything but eaten it.

On behalf of the children I wish that the municipal corporation had some consideration. Whether the street needs paving or not I will not undertake to discuss. It is certain that the children need all the laughter and glee that is contained in that sand pile. Therefore, oh! wise and learned rulers of the town, you could not do more for the children than to let them come on and take sand. Please make some more heaps. Dump one at every corner.

It is good of you to provide schools where the little ones can sit up and study. But oh! how much more bliss and rapture in a hill of sand!

And oh! how many bands of children stay in their cooped-up flats, or go out to play in streets crowded with murderous automobiles, and that is all that is a godsend and a blessing toward realizing the prophecy of the psalm of the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.